

What is Claimed is:

1. A speech converting device comprising:

speech inputting means of inputting speech of a first language;

speech recognizing means of recognizing said input speech;

first extracting/displaying means of extracting and displaying one or plural word strings of said first language, said word strings corresponding to a result of said speech recognition;

conversion object selecting means of, from said displayed word strings, selecting a word string which is expected to become an object of conversion to a second language;

second extracting/displaying means of, when a whole or a part of said selected word string is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a term which corresponds to contents of said specified whole or part of said selected word string;

candidate selecting means of selecting one of said displayed candidates; and

converting means of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected word string and said selected candidate, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech

language of said second language.

2. A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said first extracting/displaying means has a displaying section comprising a display screen which displays said plural word strings that are objects of said selection, and said selected word in respective predetermined regions, and

said second extracting/displaying means overlappingly displays said candidates of a term in a partial region of said display screen in a window form.

3. A speech converting device according to claim 2, wherein, when said selected word string is displayed on said display screen, said first extracting/displaying means additionally displays also information indicating that candidates of the corresponding term can be displayed, with respect to a part of said word string.

4. A speech converting device according to claim 3, wherein said speech converting device further comprises screen display specifying means of specifying said part of said word string on said display screen, said additional information being displayed with respect to said part of said word string.

5. A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said converting means determines a result in which said specified part of said word string is replaced with a

term of said selected candidate, as said conversion object.

6. A speech converting method comprising:

a speech inputting step of inputting speech of a first language;

a speech recognizing step of recognizing said input speech;

a first extracting/displaying step of extracting and displaying one or plural word strings of said first language, said word strings corresponding to a result of said speech recognition;

a conversion object selecting step of, from said displayed word strings, selecting a word string which is expected to become an object of conversion to a second language;

a second extracting/displaying step of, when a whole or a part of said selected word string is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a term which corresponds to contents of said specified whole or part of said selected word string;

a candidate selecting step of selecting one of said displayed candidates; and

a converting step of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected word string and said selected candidate, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech

language of said second language.

7. A program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing means, said first extracting/displaying means, said conversion object selecting means, said second extracting/displaying means, said candidate selecting means, and said converting means of said speech converting device according to any one of claims 1 to 5.

8. A program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing step, said first extracting/displaying step, said conversion object selecting step, said second extracting/displaying step, said candidate selecting step, and said converting step of said speech converting method according to claim 6.

9. A medium which carries said program according to claim 7, and which is processable by a computer.

10. A medium which carries said program according to claim 8, and which is processable by a computer.